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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATIC  
LAYOUT OF IMAGES IN DIGITAL ALBUMS**

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1. ☒ Specification

2. ☐ 18 Sheet(s) of drawing(s)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97.

4. Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney:

4a. ☐ New

4b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (for continuation/divisional with Box 11 completed)

5. ☐ Incorporation by Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Assignment of the invention to

7. ☐ Certified copy of a priority

8. ☒ document, Letter under Rule 53

9. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s). Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

10. ☐ If a 111A application prior to examination of the above-identified application, amend the specification at Page 1, after the title, by inserting the following:  
--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION  
Reference is made to and priority claimed from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. , filed , entitled .

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Pursuant to Rule 53, the above-identified application, enclosed herewith (including specification and claims), is being filed without a signed declaration or assignment in the names of the inventors, Joseph M. Geigel and Alexander C. Loui. The declaration and assignment will be filed later.

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